

Cherita

A Family Secret

My grandparents were cousins, born in Sweden.

They came to America at 17, one week apart.
They worked as a maid and construction worker for several years.

Since their mothers were sisters, they had different last names.
They married and had four sons. Few knew they were cousins.
In childhood his brother married them, a life-long romance.

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1. Cherita is Malay for story or tale.
2. Syllabic without specific syllables per line.
3. Unrhymed.
4. A poem that can be written by 1, 2, or 3 poets.
5. A six-line poem. Hexastich.
6. Three different stanzas. A single line. A couplet. A tercet.